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Dear Jeffrey,

On the 2 a.m. CBS radio news this morning, when I had the volume low and ^{was} not close to the set, I heard part of an item that interests me much. It referred to Senator Russell, Warren Commission critics and LBJ. It was not repeated on the 3 a.m. news, and there was a different item on the 4 a.m. news. That suggested that the earlier item came from the same source, 23 hours of LBJ'd disclosed tapes of conversations.

However, unless those tapes were of a period some time after the assassination, it is not easy to imagine he referred to both Russell and the critics. And that, as you know, interests me much. I have no reason to believe that any other one was in touch with him.

What CBS used on the second newscast is a conversation with Ramsey Clark in which LBJ said that Castro was not likely behind the assassination. Although what LBJ said at any time need not reflect what he really believed, that does interest me, particularly because I have a DeLoach Report intended for Hoover quoting Walter Jenkins as having told DeLoach that LBJ believed there was a conspiracy and that the CIA was involved in it. That was in connection with the catching of the wiretapper the CIA got to get the dirt on Phyllis McGuire for Sam Giancana. (I have the FBI file on that and it could make a magazine story. Wiretapper/bugger's name is Ballotti.)

If you can I'll appreciate copies of this and, in general, anything on those tapes, of which I presume transcripts were disclosed, relating to the assassination.

The researcher who worked with Pincus and Lardner on their anniversary series is Anne Eisele, if such information came to researcher attention.

The only mention I saw in today's Post referred to Jackie and LBJ, in Style,

Thanks and best,

Harold